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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: The Interrogation of [REDACTED]

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1. As it is particularly important to the terrorist problem and possible countermeasures we might take, attached is a copy of a telegram from the Embassy in Montevideo (MONTEVIDEO 1993) containing the text of a debriefing of [REDACTED] the Public Safety Officer who was later murdered by his kidnapers, the Tupamaros.

2. There are many points of interest, a valuable lesson showing what terrorists can do by interrogation - particularly of importance when one considers that the subject was an experienced police chief, undoubtedly familiar with interrogation and its techniques. It is also apparent that other interrogations were held. This is shown by the conclusion - the summary - which contains hard information not developed in the immediate interrogation. We can only assume that the interrogation toughened, that the interrogators targeted-in on the information they obtained in the preliminary sessions.

3. Thus, the interrogation shows how a subject, who opens up and begins to talk on subjects which he may consider relatively harmless, may be spinning the web for his further interrogation.

4. The reading of the entire text is recommended but as a matter of interest we highlight the following parts:
STATOTHR [REDACTED] (M) I spend 99 percent of my time in the Embassy.

Tupamaro (T) Yes. I think my mates know that because they've been checking everything about you for a long time.

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(T) There (the police station) you have a place to park your car, down there in the garage, I know.

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(T) Yes, I do know. But you know we change the place, now I'm the police.

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(T) One of them is Cuban, isn't he. (a reference to police advisors)

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(T) We're terribly sorry about your wound, you know, but we had to do it.

(M) That was a mistake, I think.

(T) Yes, yes, we are making an investigation about that.

(M) I don't know why he shot me. I really don't. I was laying on the floor of the truck.

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(T) Well, now tell me something about CIA. You know, we like James Bond, about the CIA, what can you say?

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(T) How come you said you really know nothing about the CIA, you must know something?

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(T) So when you were working with the PM (Military Police) in Brazil what kind of relations do they have with DOPS (State Political Police)? (Showing interest and knowledge of Brazil.)

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(T) Yes, we read all those documents you sent to the different police departments in Latin America.

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(M) Well, they are changing now. You know that.

(T) We've been reading special means, you know, on interrogation. That's very interesting.

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(T) I would like to kill Mr. Fleury. You know
Chief of . . . (a reference to [REDACTED])

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6. A question in need of an answer but that which can only be conjecture at this point is why the Tupamaros surfaced the interrogation text. It is like identifying the target, saying we are after the U.S. Embassy, its officers - the CIA, the police and military advisors, etc.

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